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## INTRODUCTION

The C. E. Kord Animal Disease Laboratory is the State of Tennessee's veterinary diagnostic laboratory. It is funded by legislative appropriation and fee revenue, and operates within the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Regulatory Services. Free diagnostic services are provided to livestock and poultry producers except for a small fee charged for equine infectious anemia serology. Modest fees are also charged for companion animal diagnostic services.

The operational philosophy of the laboratory is to work through the local veterinary practitioner, who is best able to evaluate the client-producer's problems and recommend appropriate actions. The mission of the laboratory is to provide accurate and timely diagnostic services to the practitioner who serves livestock and poultry producers as well as owners of companion animals in Tennessee. We strongly recommend that case material be submitted by or at the direction of a practicing veterinarian, although owners may submit cases directly. Results of examinations, analyses, and tests will be returned to the practitioner for his consideration in formulating a diagnosis and recommending action to his client. Upon request by the practicing veterinarian, staff pathologists are available for field consultation when the magnitude of the problem indicates such. Some test results necessarily have to be routed through the State Veterinarian because of regulatory requirements.

If at any time there is a question regarding a capability, please call ahead to be assured of that service and its submission requirements. We also appreciate your comments regarding the laboratory.

We especially invite veterinarians or their technicians to spend a day in the laboratory meeting the staff and observing methods used in various diagnostic procedures. This helps us understand your problems related to laboratory use and helps you in preparing submissions so that the most useful information may be obtained from a submission. We welcome you to set up an appointment for a day of laboratory observation. Time spent at the laboratory may qualify as continuing education, which is required for license renewal.